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SUBJ: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, OCTOBER 7, 1975 (SALT TWO - 810)

1. ARTICLE X.C/D (SEABED SYSTEMS) - US TABLED NEW LANGUAGE, DEFINING THE SUBMERGED AREAS AS THE OCEAN FLOOR, THE SEABED, AND THE BEDS OF INTERNAL AND INLAND WATERS AND USING THESE SAME TERMS IN LIEU OF "THE BOTTOM" WITH REGARD TO MOBILE LAUNCHERS. SOVIETS UNDERTOOK TO STUDY PROPOSAL

2. ARTICLE VII (TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS) - SOVIETS TABLED NEW LANGUAGE FOR PARAGRAPH 2 EMBODYING THEIR PROPOSAL MADE AT LAST MEETING TO BAR A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN NUMBER OF LAND-BASED HEAVY ICBM TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS IN RETURN FOR US DROPPING ITS PROPOSED SUBPARA. (B) REQUIRING NEW AND ADDITIONAL TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS TO BE CONSTRUCTED ONLY AT TEST RANGES. US EXPLAINED ITS PROPOSAL BANNING CONVERSION OF SPACE VEHICLE LAUNCHERS AND TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS INTO LAUNCHERS LIMITED UNDER ARTICLE III AS BEING MORE PRECISE AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE THAN SOVIET FORMULATION AND WOULD CLOSE POSSIBLE LOOPHOLE OF CONVERSION OUTSIDE OF TEST RANGES. WHEN SOVIETS POINTED OUT THAT US PROPOSAL WAS SILENT ON

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CONVERSION OF SPACE VEHICLE LAUNCHERS TO TEST AND TRAINING

LAUNCHERS, US STATED THAT, WHILE IT DEEMED SUCH CONVERSIONS LESS IMPORTANT THAN THOSE COVERED BY ITS PROPOSAL, IF SOVIETS BELIEVED THE BAN IMPORTANT, US WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER IT.

3. ARTICLE XVII.3 AGREED STATEMENT (DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES) - US EXPLAINED THAT "MASKIROVKA" MEANT BOTH TO HIDE AND TO MISLEAD IN RUSSIAN, THUS US SOUGHT TO HAVE THIS DUAL MEANING REFLECTED IN AGREED STATEMENT DEFINITION OF DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES. SOVIETS ARGUED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO LOOK BEYOND WORDS USED IN IA AND ABM TREATY, AND AGAIN SAID THAT COMBINATION OF THREE CRITERIA CITED AT LAST MEETING WAS SUFFICIENT.

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